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Hay fever is no respecter of persons. Calvin Coolidge, former president of these United States of America spent the Fourth inside, nursing an aggravated case of that ailment which drives people to seek new climates. And it was incidentally his 60th birthday.

Boost your home merchant and your home banker, do business at home and help the local institutions get along. It will be better for you, one and all. Start today on a program of saying good things about your neighbor and helping him get along.

Some three or four hundred deaths are given as the toll over the country for the last week-end and they include all the various means of being careless. There were drownings, auto accidents, explosions, tornadoes, gun plays and every thing else that makes news.

The political parties have about finished the job which comes every four years—writing a platform and selecting candidates. It will now be up to the voters. You can read the messages, hear the speeches and then vote as you believe you should. That's the great American privilege.

Republicans and Democrats can find out what some folks think of them by reading the speeches made in the prohibition convention at Indianapolis this week. Several speakers seem to have overstepped by unnecessary and unfair attacks upon Mr. Hoover. Personal tirades do not convince and should not be used in political campaigns.

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Late reports show several serious accidents as the result of celebrations over the Fourth, in Indiana, with one death. Charles Allen, 24, of Lawrenceburg, was killed when a cannon exploded. A number of other accidents, more or less serious, occurred. The number of traffic accidents in the state however were less than usual over a double holiday period. There seems to be some improvement in this matter of being careful.

And now more worries. The special session of the Indiana legislature will convene tomorrow. The program includes a dozen good things, designed to lower the taxes and the cost of living in this state. If they will attend to that business without adding a lot of silly and useless laws, the session will be worth while and that's what Governor Leslie, Speaker Walter Myers and Lieutenant-Governor Bush will urge, but we will be surprised if they don't haggle and quarrel forty days and then do little of real value—and that will be disgraceful.

According to what we hear and what we read, the people generally like the Democratic ticket. Roosevelt and Garner appeal to every one as capable, courageous and worth-while leaders. Senator Johnson and Senator Borah, Senator Norris and other progressive Republicans speak kindly of them and the platform. They look like winners, but the election is four months away and there is much water to go over the dam before that day arrives. Governor Roosevelt struck a popular chord in his speech of acceptance and never was there a more dramatic closing to a national convention. The east seems to be falling in line and the west and south are already indicating preference to the Democratic lineup. The campaign is starting now and will be one of the most interesting ever held in this nation.

Enforcement of the new truck law was started Thursday and it ought not take long to determine whether the statute is workable. The enforcement is under the jurisdiction of the state highway commission, probably on the theory that it should be interested in protection of the state's roads. Six loadometers, portable weighing machines, were to be placed in use, with the state police and the highway officials cooperating. The location of the weighing machines was kept secret. In addition to the weighing machines state police are equipped with tape measures, so that they can determine whether trucks come within the law. The law provides trucks shall not be over eight feet wide, twelve feet high, and forty feet long. This particular section ought to be easily enforced and trucks wider, higher or longer should be ordered off the road. One of the pet peeves of motorists have been those trucks as large as a box car with one or two trailers attached which lumber along the roads where traffic is the heaviest. Enforcement of the law was delayed by a suit filed in Marion county, but with this disposed of the way was opened for action. The results will be interesting.—Hartford City News.

REVIVAL NOTES

Evangelistic services will continue to be held at the Monmouth auditorium for several days, it was announced today. Rev. P. W. Barker is the preacher and presents inspiring sermons each evening at 7:45 o'clock (C.S.T.). Rev. Barker preaches the full Gospel and gives short talks on Divine healing. Special singing is conducted by members of the Barker family. Rev. Barker issued the following invitation: "If you are discouraged or sick come to these services and get help from the One who never fails, for Jesus said, 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.' He also said, 'If there are any sick among you call the elders of the church and let them pray over you and anoint you with oil and the prayer of faith will raise you up.'"

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Highlights in Life of "Texas Jack"



Here are a few interesting picture flashes in the life of Speaker John Nance Garner, of Texas, Democratic nominee for the Vice Presidency of the United States. Top left is a photo of the Speaker at 24, in a picture of the cabin in Red River County, Texas, where Garner was born on November 22, 1869. Lower left are the Speaker's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Garner, Sr. Upper right shows the Vice-Presidential nominee in his role as Speaker of the House of Representatives, and lower right shows him with his wife, who has acted as his secretary since he began his political career.

Where There is No Vision the People Perish

By REV. GILL ROBB WILSON

The founding of a republican form of government by our forebears was hailed as a new tide in the affairs of men. The idea that democracy would work was based upon the fundamental premise that citizens had intelligent interest in, and intelligent understanding of the functions of their own government.

With the passing of time our population increased rapidly and government became as far removed from the people as ever it had been in the days of the Bourbons. Powers and influences were born and exerted by individuals and sources which were unschooled and undisciplined in the traditions of the nation or in the political philosophy of its founders. Bureaucracy and corruption in the government, and degeneration in the social institutions of the country ensued. Almost anybody with an idea that seemed romantic or idealistic could get a hearing. Facts and reason appear to have no bearing. Reformers picked out pet hobbies and, riding them, tilted against the very forces that made their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness possible.

To some of them peace, or what they called peace, became the most desirable of all human reforms. This peace they have gone about securing not through the trafring of human hearts to devotion and Christlikeness, but through the use of political propaganda. They bemoaned the use of the old-time diplomacy but are willing to guarantee the future peace of the world on a new diplomacy of their own making.

Their suggestions range anywhere from disarmament to dismemberment and if you want to find a headstrong, arbitrary individual anywhere, just look up a militant pacifist. He can talk louder and longer than any prophet that ever lived. No nation can survive without the police force which is inherent in its military services.

That individual who would not defend his honor under just provocation, who would not defend the honor of his women and the safety of his children under any provocation is not worthy to be called a man, let alone an American and that individual who does not realize that in this world of trouble and sorrow, he will sooner or later have to defend both his own honor and the chastity of his dependents, is a fool.

I think that sometimes The American Legion and other organizations may be tainted and driving into a little over-emphasis on matters of self-defense, but I prefer this kind of enthusiasm to the cynical beratings of their detractors. If, in the realm of morality, I must sin, let my sin be over-enthusiasm for the land of my fathers and the standards of my nation.

And so, let me stand up to be counted as one who thinks that it is worth while to train the American man to be what his forefathers dreamed he always would be—just that!

Tomorrow: Thomas F. Kane, President University of North Dakota.

Test Your Knowledge

Can you answer seven of these test questions? Turn to Page Four for the answers.

1. What is the official political designation of Alaska?
2. What form of government has Andorra?
3. Of what continent are the "British Isles" geologically a part?
4. Who is on the throne of Roumania?
5. Name the New England States?
6. Which state is nicknamed "Sunflower State"?
7. Where is Mount McKinley?
8. Which state has the largest area?
9. Where are the Aleutian Islands?
10. Name the capital of Porto Rico?

Household Scrapbook

—By— ROBERTA LEE

Ironing
Do not dampen clothes so much that they are difficult to iron absolutely dry. It will result in easily creased clothing that looks unsightly after one wearing.

Silver Purse
One of the best ways to clean a silver purse is to remove the lining, wash the purse in hot soapsuds, rub with any good silver polish, and then polish with chamois.

Jelly
When making jelly, place a hot cloth around the mold and the jelly will come out easily. Do not pour the jelly into cold glasses. Rinse the glasses in hot water immediately before pouring; this will set the jelly much quicker.

Cleaning Silver
As a time saver when cleaning

silver, make a solution of 1 quart of boiling water, 1 teaspoon baking soda, and 1 teaspoon salt. Pour into an aluminum vessel and place the silver in it. Allow it to remain for a few minutes, then rinse with clear hot water. Clean the kettle at once.

Prune Custard
Prune custard can be made by cutting stewed prunes in quarters, and adding lemon custard, topped with the white of an egg. It will make a delicious dessert.

Burns
To relieve a painful burn, cover with dry flour; or make a paste of common baking soda and water and apply. Butter, or a scraped raw potato, applied to the burn, are also effective.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

From the Daily Democrat File

Eddie Tobin who broke jail here in April was captured in Muncie. Adams County gets \$14,916.58 of state school fund for half year.

Lewis K. Houtz of Hoagland takes civil service exam.

Mrs. Geo. Craft of 5th St. is ill with rheumatism.

Joseph Helm is home from Richmond where he visited his daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Christen and daughters are spending week at Twin Lakes.

Misses Grace Butler, Jaunita Beck, Pan and Fay Tammel, Lilly Teeple, Effie Patten, Esther Selmeier and Mary Frisinger returned from Portland where they visited Mrs. Jennie Hammel Smith.

Nora David surprises friends when she returns from Sturgis as bride of Hubert E. Van Horn.

Son born to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Jackson.

TOBACCO HEIR KILLS HIMSELF

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married at 2 o'clock in the morning at York, S. C., attended by a wedding party which included the bride's father, a policeman, an assistant city clerk, and the daughter of the officiating judge. The divorce at Reno followed a short time later.

The second marriage, announced May 20 in New York, took place while Reynolds and Miss Holman were abroad. They said then that they had married secretly several months previously but did not announce the place and time.

The young heir had sworn that he would not remarry—had sworn that despite repeated rumors that he had threatened to kill himself unless Miss Holman, a Cincinnati University graduate, consented to marry him at once.

Last fall, when Mrs. Reynolds went to Reno to live at the Dude ranch conducted by Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., her husband piloted his own plane to Reno carrying his divorce-seeking wife and her infant daughter as passengers.

Then he took his amphibious plane to Europe, flew to Hong Kong with Jean Assolant, the French trans-Atlantic pilot, and arrived in Seattle, Wash., about two months ago.

Miss Holman, who had won fame as a "torch singer," a singer of throaty melodies of unusual qualities because of the effects of a tonsillectomy operation, had gone to Honolulu in the meantime. It was assumed that the two had met on the Pacific.

Lily Holman was a few years older than her husband, a student of law, and a Broadway success by chance—the fate dealt her by the tonsil operation.

She appeared in "Rainbow," Ned Wayburn's "Gambols," then was a hit in the first "Little Show." Last season she starred with Cliff Webb and Fred Allen in "Three's A Crowd."

The singer had acquired a small fortune in her own name as result of her Broadway success before she married the millionaire son of the Winston-Salem tobacco king.

MULTITUDE OF BILLS GREETS LEGISLATORS

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and abolish provisions linked with it except those for the purpose of "paying off any bonded indebtedness and interest thereon, and when such bonds shall have been paid, the acts shall be deemed repealed."

Joe Rand Beckett, Indianapolis, has prepared two bills which he claims will "automatically cut the taxes of everybody in Indiana 20 per cent. Beckett is head of the Indiana Association for Tax Justice.

The bills provide: (1) That the assessed valuation of all property in Indiana be horizontally cut 20 per cent under the valuation of 1928, and

(2) That no taxing unit shall be permitted to increase its 1933 tax rate over the 1932 rate.

Beckett said he believes reduction of \$30,000,000 would be effected by his proposals.

Provision for reduction of 50 per cent in valuation of all improvements on lands and lots will be sought by John F. White, representative of Marion county.

A saving of from 20 to 22 million dollars will result, White said he believed, adding that the legislation "would be an active stimulant to business."

White said he also would introduce a bill to remove taxes on household goods and home libraries.

James M. Knapp, Hagerstown, was undecided whether he would sponsor any legislation, but explained that his efforts would be directed toward confining the session to tax subjects and to strict reduction in cost of government. Knapp said the senate-house co-operative committee program had his support.

On the township abolition subject, Dave Fitzgibbon, representative of Brown and Jackson counties, has prepared a bill designed to eliminate "all townships and parts of townships in city limits, to become subject to supervision by city and authorities." Fitzgibbon would abolish offices of township assessor and trustee officer. Township trustees would perform duties now handled by assessors.

Chester K. Watson, Allen and Whitley county representative, has drawn up a bill which would place all county officials on a salary basis, eliminating the fee system. He also will introduce a bill, to repeal the Wright law and place a tax on medicinal whisky.

Bills seeking complete revision

of banking laws, reduction in salaries of public officials and abolition of the fee system will be sponsored by William McClain, representative of Posey, Vanderburg and Warrick counties. McClain said he also was in favor of a tax on intangibles, as provided by a bill he introduced in the last session.

Reduction of the minimum teachers' wages from \$5 to \$4, abolition of "needless" county officials, abolition of townships, and cessation of public improvements "except where absolutely necessary" will be urged in bills proposed by Fabius Dubois, Shoals, representative of Dubois and Martin counties.

Establishment of a minimum charge on all court suits is proposed by C. O. Holmes, state senator of Gary. He also will favor a small income tax.

A limitation of the amount of levy that can be placed against property will be introduced jointly by Senators Addison Drake and Earl Rowley, of Fairbanks and LePorte, respectively. They presented a similar bill at the last session.

A five-year moratorium of home mortgages is sought by Rep. William E. Wilson, Greenfield. Under his proposal, only interest would be

"MURDER of the NIGHT CLUB LAND"

THE NEW THATCHER COLT DETECTIVE MYSTERY

BY ANTHONY ABBOT

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SYNOPSIS

Following the receipt of a death threat, Lola Carewe, known as "The Night Club Lady," is mysteriously slain in her penthouse apartment at 3 a. m. New Year's. Dr. Hugh Baldwin reports death due to heart failure. The only clue to the murderer is a medical laboratory specimen box outside Lola's window. Police Commissioner Thatcher Colt attaches importance to the young man whose photograph is found in Lola's room, and whose identity Lola had refused to reveal beyond his first name, "Basil". At the mention of "Basil", Mrs. Carewe, Lola's mother, becomes hysterical. It is known that Lola quarreled with Guy Everett and Vincent Rowland, a lawyer, over investments. Eunice, the maid, confessed she was employed by Everett to report the goings on in the apartment. The mystery deepens with the finding of the body of Christine Quires, Lola's guest. Christine had been killed before Lola and her body hidden until an opportune moment arrived for the murderer to place it, soaking wet, in Lola's room. The findings are similar to those in Lola's case except that Christine's neck was bruised after death. Everett, Christine's last escort, claims he left her at the apartment elevator at midnight New Year's Eve, and then went for a ride on the Motor Parkway, alone, arriving home after 3 a. m. Mrs. Carewe informs Colt that Christine lived with a brother, Edgar, in Rochester, and was to receive her inheritance shortly. Lola's room is vacuum cleaned and the dust particles sent to Professor Luckner for analysis. Colt sends to the medical examiner a hypodermic syringe taken from Baldwin's bag and a strap for analysis, also a strand of Christine's hair found near Lola's window. The Commissioner orders Basil's picture telephoned to M. Dupont, head of the Paris Police. It is learned that Edward Quires received a telegram New Year's Eve and left for New York. Paper and ink identical with the death threat materials are found under Eunice's mattress. Everett's Motor Parkway alibi is shattered.

"Ah, oui!" And M. Dupont spelled out the names carefully.

"Will you also see if the Roumanian police have a history of a man supposed to be her father—Jorga, for a long time a political exile in London."

"I will do that, too, mon cher ami! Anything else?"

"Much more," chuckled Thatcher Colt and went on to explain how the portrait of a young man, first name Basil, family name unknown, was being forwarded to the Prefect by telephoto. M. Dupont gasped. Such impatient persons, these Americans!

"And what I am most earnestly hoping you will see your way clear to do," pursued Colt warmly, "is to have one of your agents call on one Marcel Grandon, 60, Avenue d'Enfer—in the Ettoile district, I assume—show him the telephoto portrait and try to get it identified. Perhaps your people may know him—it is barely possible the young man has a police record."

"We will do our best, Mr. Colt!" "Angels could do no more, M. Dupont! A thousand thanks!"

"Pas du tout, Monsieur Colt." "Au revoir." "Au revoir."

As he hung up the receiver, Colt cast a rueful grin at Dougherty. "We're getting nearer to something," he said, "with our picture of Basil!"

"Smart as a whip and all that," ranted Dougherty, "but I still don't see his connection with this case."

"We'll debate that presently," promised Colt. "Meanwhile, Tony, will you please now arouse Mr. Vincent Rowland from his innocent slumbers and tell him I would like to speak to him on the telephone?"

In this announcement Dougherty displayed a lively interest.

"I was much surprised, Thatcher," he revealed, "when you put a tail on Rowland. Surely you don't suspect that old chin-whisker of anything serious?"

Having relighted his pipe, Colt replied:

"I do regard the eminent Mr. Rowland with a somewhat jaundiced eye, Dougherty. Truth is, I was watching him in the Mayfair dining-room last night, just before Lola sent us her note, inviting us into this singular business. He didn't wish Lola to write that note. I watched him trying to dissuade her. I don't know whether I ever told you or not, but in my youth I mastered lip-reading. I can listen to distant conversations by watching mouths. I saw him implore her to have nothing to do with me in this matter. Perhaps he feared having his name mixed up in a police case. Quite reasonably, too. Yet when we went over, he took the credit for inviting us."

"By George!" glowered Dougherty. "That is curious!"

"Mr. Rowland is on the telephone," I announced.

"Forgive me, Mr. Rowland," began Colt urbanely. "I am sorry to break into your sleep. But there are one or two points the police have to clear up. What's that? Oh, plain, unadorned murder. Yes! Well, it's very kind of you to be ready to help. I want to ask you two questions. Once, when you and I were talking in Miss Carewe's living-room last night, you started to tell me something that sounded significant. You said, 'There is one curious circumstance which, maybe, I shouldn't tell.' Remember that? No, you didn't finish it—Miss Carewe interrupted us."

"At the other end of the wire, Vincent Rowland was hemming and hawing."

"I can't imagine what that was," he protested. "Let me think."

"I don't want to bring you downtown at this late hour," hinted Thatcher Colt. "But it is so important—"

"I remember now—perfectly!" crowed Vincent Rowland. "I don't think it amounts to anything much at all. But for whatever it is worth,

here it is. I have reported Lola against her son, Guy Everett, first place I don't think it is altogether sane to place he was foolish enough to follow Lola's advice on investment. He lost his savings—model he had in the world to with place he wanted to make a friend! He was jealous of his friends, including such one as myself. He blamed Quires for turning him down—he told me so. Especially jealous of Basil. I just thought he would bear watch over all."

"And you couldn't tell me what it was you had said?" chided Colt smiling. "I'm a sleepy and the four-fretted Rowland. 'Boy o' anything else, Mr. Colt? There was a moment before before Colt pronounced his question."

"Mr. Rowland—why and Lola quarrel before Mrs. apartment this evening?" "Quarrel?"

"The word was reported by squalor."

"Quarrel!" squeaked Rowland for a second. "I did not quarrel. We, Mrs. words, yes—anyone who en around Lola Carewe's apartment have words with her. She was a high-tempered and a character. Mr. Colt, I mean, quarrel—we went out together!"

"Well, what did you say about?" "About Guy Everett? Of course I told her she was in advising men in the investments. She has friends who vestment company customers. It was a dangerous game. I went to the Federal Government to send her friends to her. But I am sure Lola thinks she are—they are all right. And her that Guy Everett was a man and might try to do. And she told me to make damned business—which had!"

"What is the name of many to which she sends friends for investment?" "The Rock-Ribbed Corporation."

"Thanks, Mr. Rowland, you later in the day?" "Is that so?" growled Rowland, as he hung a receiver.

"That all sounds good enough," remarked Colt, "and very needed sagely. He went to continue when Colt took the telephone. This time he instruct Flynn about the Rock-Ribbed Securities. This conversation the chief sat back silently, pipe in mouth."

I knew that the time to examine the evidence, brief review was possible present mood; there was yet to be learned.

"Get out your notebook, requested the chief, and our discussion during the minutes."

"At last we are going just where we are at," Dougherty with an owl his blue eyes. The District attorney set down an empty ran a big hand through curls and cleared his throat impressively.

"I am inclined to believe, er, that you are ignoring the obvious in this case—highly subtle hints that do not all much simpler than you out!"

Colt smiled amiably treated the District Attorney's conclusions.

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